

# UNWANTED STRANGERS – ALIEN PARASITES IN POLAND

## Summary

Invasions of non-native species create nowadays very serious problem for the conservation of biodiversity. Most alien species have harmful ecological effects and can lead to the disappearance of native species. They can also be a reservoir of dangerous parasites which spread with free migration or pur-

poseful introduction of their hosts. Of course, not every non-native species may acclimate and become an invasive one in the new environment. Nevertheless, newly emerging species should be recognized and monitored.